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Dear Gary,

Thanks for your 7/21 with Crafard enclosure. Too bad about the Dallas trip; I hope you will be able to go later.

Your associate Richard Edelman is in Berkeley for a few weeks. He gave a good talk at the Newman Center and we got together for a couple of hours yesterday. A couple of things came up concerning your work:

He said that in your talk you referred to a document with a big deletion before Oswald's name. If this was CE 916 or 918, I have no explanation, but I am inclined to believe it is not too sinister, since State seemed to have a habit of deleting all sorts of garbage, including dates and times of messages, and references, including ones to available documents. In CE 917, however, there is a deletion which looks very sinister; both Lane and Sylvia have so (mis)interpreted it. What is deleted is a reference to Robert Edward Webster, another defector; you should have an old memo of mine on him. Another copy of this documents reads "and (deletion) former Navy."

Edelman thought you had noted the presence in the Archives of LHO's tax returns for 1959-1962, when he was in Russia. CD 90 has only 1956, 1958, and 1962. I did some work on this earlier, and I recall from my notes (no reference handy) that there was an unsuccessful search in N.O. for returns for 1961-2. I will order CD 107, pp. 37-39, which relate to the IRS records.

If you don't already have CD 1513, pp. 52-66, I will order them for you and Edelman. (They are described in the table of contents as "DOROTHY KILGALLEN; Interview of RUBY by Chief Justice WARREN.")

Edelman suggested to me an interpretation, which sounds likely, of the mysterious second paragraph of the Autopsy Doctors' Review Report: "The Surgeon General of the Navy (i.e., Kenney) advised Dr. Humes that the purpose of the autopsy was to determine the nature of the President's injuries and the cause of death." That is, not to determine the state of the President's health at time of death -e.g. the Addison's disease problem. Humes certainly didn't need to be told what he reports being told. I wonder if Kenney was particularly close to the Kennedy family, or perhaps had been entangled in the 1960 controversy over the Addisonism?

Enclosures: (GRS only: CD 205, pp. 211-213) HW also: clipping on Turner suit (this is all I have locally); Kara-P pages (CIA-9, 29, 31-2); suggestion that LHO be dug up if necessary to check wrist scars (CIA-34-5). Note the very strong language used by Helms in these reports. Also p. 100 from the ONI file. (This is item # 14 in CE 834; the references are CE 908 and CE 821.) I haven't really checked it out, but I don't see where the possibility of an imposter using LHO's birth certificate comes from. I don't see the logic of the "since" in the last paragraph. Perhaps some special code is involved? Weird.

Sincerely,

Paul

cc: HW